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SUBJ: PRESIDENT APPOINTS NEW MEMBERS TO COUNCIL ON BELIZE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ANNOUNCED JANUARY 27 THE APPOINTMENT OF SIX NEW MEMBERS, INCLUDING A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH POLITICAL PARTY AND THE ARMY, TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON BELIZE. COUNCIL WAS CREATED BY DECREE IN 1955 BY CASTILLO ARMAS AS A "BODY OF STUDY, PLANNING AND CONSULTATION IN ALL THAT RELATES TO THE REINCORPORATION OF BELIZE AND THE SOLUTION OF ITS RELATED PROBLEMS." COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF DISTINGUISHED GUATEMALANS BUT HAS RARELY FUNCTIONED: ITS LAST FORMAL MEETING WAS ON JANUARY 27, 1972.

2. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD WILL PERSONALLY CHAIR A MEETING OF THE NEWLY-EXPANDED COUNCIL ON JANUARY 30. BEGIN LOU. THE REVIVAL AND ENLARGEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MAY INDICATED LAUGERUD'S DESIRE TO INVOLVE ALL THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND A CROSS-SECTION OF PROMINENT NON-POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EITHER A COMPROMISE SETTLEMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE GUATEMALA TO ABANDON MOST OF ITS CLAIM TO BELIZE, AND WHICH WOULD THUS BE CALLED A "SELLOUT" BY SOME INCLUDING THE FAR RIGHT; OR FOR THE FAILURE OF THE TALKS AND THE

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CONSEQUENCES THAT MIGHT ENSURE, INCLUDING POSSIBLY

GUATEMALAN ARMED INTERVENTION IN BELIZE. TO INVOLVE THE COUNCIL WITHOUT, HOWEVER, ALLOWING IT TO SABOTAGE THE NEGOTIATIONS EITHER THROUGH EMBARRASSING PRESS LEAKS OR BY FORCING THE GOG TO ADOPT HARDLINE (AND TO THE BRITISH AND BELIZEANS UNACCEPTABLE) POSITIONS WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT. ANYTHING LESS THAN FULL CONSULTATION WILL LEAVE THE VARIOUS COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THEIR RESPECTIVE INTEREST GROUPS FREE TO CRITICIZE WHATEVER MAY RESULT FROM THE TALKS. END LOU.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. LISTED BELOW IS THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL WITH THE SIX NEW MEMBERS LISTED FIRST. TO BE NAMED LATER ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, AND THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND FINANCIAL ASSOCIATIONS (CACIF).

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CHAIRMAN OF AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS

2. CASTILLO VALDEZ, ING. RAFAEL EDUARDO -PID CONGRESSMAN,
CHAIRMAN OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, FORMER
AMBASSADOR TO UN

3. CRUZ SALAZAR, COL. JOSE LUIS PR CONGRESSMAN,
MEMBER FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MEMBER UNGA
DELEGATION.

4. MENDOZA PALOMO, BRIG. GEN. RENE-DIRECTOR CENTRO
DE ESTUDIOS MILITARES

5. QUAN VALENZUELA, LCDA. GRACIELA-FEMINIST LEADER,
CENTRAL AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF OVERSEAS EDUCATIONAL
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1961-4, LAWYER
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16. GOICOLEA VILLACORTA, LIC. DOMINGO-FOREIGN
MINISTER 1955-56
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AFFAIRS OF PR PARTY, FORMER MINISTER OF LABOR 1967-68
18. HERRARTE GONZALEZ, LIC. ALBERTO-FOREIGN MINISTER
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1970-72
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MINISTER, CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL
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23. SKINNER-KLEE, LIC. JORGE-FOREIGN MINISTER 1956-57,
MEMBER OF SEVERAL UNGA DELEGATIONS
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UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS
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